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SUBJECT: SEATO: 19TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF BANGKOK 9434

1. ACCORDING MFA ACTING SECRETARY NORRISH, GNZ INFORMED ITS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE IN BANGKOK TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 27 DATE FOR 19TH COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNGA. ON SUBJECT CHAIRMANSHIP FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS (PARA 6 REFTTEL) NEW ZEALAND GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WITH REGARD TO HOSTING MEETING THIS FALL NORRISH STATED NOT POSSIBLE FOR GNZ TO TAKE THE CHAIR DUE TO FACT THAT SHAH OF IRAN WILL BE VISITING NZ AT THAT TIME WHICH WILL REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF MINISTERS HERE.

2. FYI: WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT NO MINISTERS WILL BE
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AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF SHAH'S VISIT AND THIS WILL BE THE
EXCUSE OFFERED BY GNZ NOT TO CHAIR THIS MEETING,
ANOTHER FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT PRIMIN/FONMIN KRIMXR#
WOULD NOT CHAIR MEETING IN ANY CASE DUE TO THE POLITICAL

SENSITIVITY IN LEFT WING OF KIRK'S OWN LABOR PARTY TO GNZ
CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN SEATO. OTHER MINISTERS SUCH AS MINDEF
FAULKNER OR ASSOCIATE FONMIN WALDING, ACCORDING NORRISH,
COULD PROBABLY CHAIR FUTURE MEETINGS. THIS BEING THE CASE
NZ WOULD WISH THAT EITHER USG CHAIR 19TH MEETING OR THAT
COUNTRY NEXT IN LINE AFTERNZ TAKE THE CHAIR WITH
POSSIBILITY OF NZ CHAIRING 20TH COUNCIL MEETING. END FYI.
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